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SUBJECT: AD POSITION ON PETROLEUM REVERSION

1. AD DEPUTY ARTURO HERNANDEZ GRISANTI TOLD VENEZUELAN CONGRESS IN INTERVENTION MARCH 27, THAT AD WILL NOT HOLD BACK UNNECESSARILY PROCESS OF EARLY PETROLEUM REVERSION BUT NEITHER WILL IT BE PRESSED INTO PRECIPITANT ACTION. HE SAID AD WILL NOT INTRODUCE A PETROLEUM BILL AT THIS TIME BUT WILL AWAIT OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS OF SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO STUDY QUESTION OF PETROLEUM REVERSION. HE ADDED THAT AD HAS ALWAYS PREFERRED PROCESS OF CONSENSUS RATHER THAN IMPOSING REFORMS OR LAWS WOTHOUT CONSULTATION.

2. HERNANDEZ GRISANTI DESCRIBED EXISTING ATMOSPHERE AS VERY FAVORABLE TO REVERSION. HE SAID OIL COMPANIES ARE RESIGNED TO IT AND NATION "BOURGEOISIE" WILL SUPPORT IT. HE SAID INTERNATIONAL MARKETS ARE ASSURED AND VENEZUELAN ARE CAPABLE OF OPERATING THE INDUSTRY SINCE 98 PERCENT OF PERSONNEL OF INDUSTRY TODAY IS VENEZUELAN. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOREIGN TECHNICIANS WOULD NOT HAVE TO LEAVE COUNTRY AT HOUR OF NATIONALIZATION. HERNANDEZ GRISANTI ALSO SAID THAT VENEZUELA WOULD NOT "POLITICIZE" OIL INDUSTRY. IT WOULD NOT TURN IT INTO A VAST BUREAUCRACY. EXACT FORM INDUSTRY WILL TAKE HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED BUTY
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